



By the King.

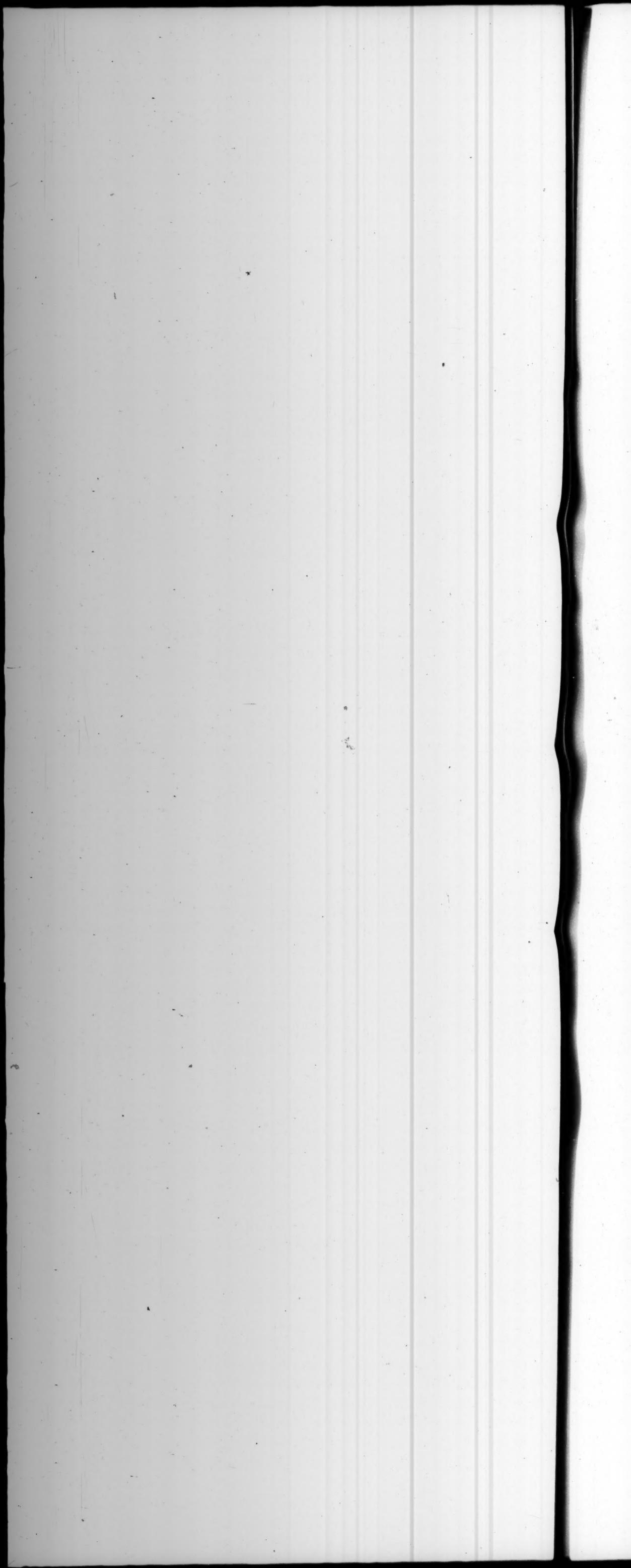
A Proclamation for restraint of disorderly and
vnecessary resort to the Court.



He Kings most Excellent Maiesty, hauing taken into His Princely consideration, the many inconueniences which may fall out by the vnlimited concourse of people of all sorts to His Court, or the Townes or Parishes neere the same, especially at this time, and in this season of the yeare, whiche growes every day more dangerous for increasing the infection, already begun in the Cittie of London, and Confines of the same; And being graciouly and prouidently carefull to take away and preuent all occasions tending thereto, hath thought fit by aduise of His Pruite Councell, by this proclamation to publish and declare his Royall pleasure and commandement concerning the same, That although

His Maiestie cannot but conceine great ioy and contentment, when His louing Subiects, out of their loyall and dutifull affections towards him, shall desire to see the Persons of Himselue, or of His deare Consort the Queene, who is (by Gods blessing) shortly to come ouer into England; yet, in his Princely care of His people, Hee is contented to dispence with those publike shewes of their zeale, chearefulness, and alacritie at this time, lest the present occasions of ioy and reioycing, should produce a contrary effect, by dispersing the Infection into other parts of the Realme, where his Maiestie shall keepe his Royall Court and residence.

And therefore his Maiestie doth hereby straightly charge and command, That aswell in the Journey, whiche himselfe shortly intendeth to Douer in Kent, for the reception of his deare Consort, the Queene, at her arriuall, as also in His, and Her Maiesties returne from thence, and in all other Journeys and Progresses, whiche they or either of them shall make this Summer now ensuing, till they shall returne to a standing house in Winter, No person or persons whatsoeuer, not being thereunto called or appointed, or not hauing speciall cause of personall attendance at the Court for his Maiesties seruice, or for some necessary occasion of extremity concerning their owne estate, doe presume to follow, or resort to the Court with Petitions, or vpon other pretence, or vnto any Cittie, Towne, Village, or private house within twelve miles of the same, as they tender his Maiesties displeasure, and will answeare for the same, as contemners of this his Maiesties iust and Royall commandement. And whereas many of his Maiesties louing Subiects haue been heretofore wont to pester the Court, vnder colour of repairing thither for healing the disease called The Kings Euill, His Maiestie doth hereby publish and declare his pleasure, That vntill Michaelmas next, and after His Coronation shall be solemnized, he wil not admit any person or persons to come to the Court for healing; And doth straightly charge and forbid, That no person or persons doe in the meane time presume to importune his Maiestie in that behalfe: And for auoyding many, and great abuses in that behalfe, his Maiestie doth straightly charge and command, That no person or persons doe at any time hereafter resort to his Maiestie, or his Court for healing of that disease, without bringing a Certificate from the Minister, and Churchwardens of the Parish wherein they inhabite, or some other neighbours of more eminent quality, expressing the time they haue been troubled with that infirmity, and that they haue not at any time before been healed by



his Maiestie, or the late King: And to auoid the great disorder of poore people, who are vsed to come flocking into the high Wayes, and streetes, where his Maiestie is to travell, vnder colour of relief from the Almoner, his Maiestie hath taken order, that in all the Townes and Parishes, through which hee shall passe, his Maiesties sayd Almoner shall deliver his Maiesties Almes to the Ouerseers of the Poore, to be distributed amongst them, for their better & more equall relife, then they shold receive by comming abroad in that dishonourable & vndecent maner, whch therfore his Maiestie straitly chargeth and commandeth them to forbear, and all Maiors, Sheriffes, Justices of Peace, Constables, and other Officers, to take due care of accordingly. And for other wandering poore, vagabonds, Rogues, and such like base and vnruly people, whch pester the high Way, and make it their Trade or profession to live by beggning, pilfering, or other unlawfull shifting, his Maiestie doth hereby straitly charge and command, as well the Knight Marshall of his housshould and his deputies, as all Maiors, Sheriffes, Justices of Peace, Constables, and other his Maiesties Officers and ioung Subiects, to cause such as bee Impotent, to bee foorth-with returned into their owne Countreys, and such as be able to laboure, to bee sent to the houses of Correction, or otherwise ordered according to the Lawes: To whch end also, his Maiestie likewise chargeth and commandeth the sayd Sheriffes, Justices, and other Officers, to cause diligent watch by night, and ward by day to be kept by honest and substantiall housholders, in euery Citie, Towne, Village, and Parish, through which his Maiestie shall passe, and within twelue miles compasse of his Maiesties passage or Court, aswell to be ready upon all occasions to supprese disorders and breaches of the Peace, as to make speciall search for all such persons, as shall pretend themselues to bee his Maiesties Seruants, or followers of the Court, and craue Lodging without haung Billets for the same, and to apprehend all such as they shall finde so lodged or entertained, & not billeted, and to bring them before the Knight Marshall, or his deputy, and in all other things to be assiting to him and them concerning the premisses, for all occasions of his Maiesties service.

And because his Maiestie findeth much disorder in some of his owne seruants, in vnnecessary pestering of the Court, when there is no cause for their attendance or employmēt, his Maiestie straitly forbiddeth, That any of his seruants do either in this Journey of his Maiesties intended to Douer, or elsewhere in his Summers Progresse, or vntil his Maiestie shal come to keepe a standing house in winter, resort to the Court, except such onely of his Maiesties seruants, as are, or shall be set downe in the Liste, or shall be allowed for service within doores, and aboue staires, by the Lord Chamberlaine of his Maiesties honourable housshould, or below staires, by the Treasurer and Comptroller of the housshould, or for service without doores by the Knight Marshall, vpon paine of his Maiesties displeasure, and incurring the Censure of a high contempt.

And to the end his Maiesties Royall pleasure herein before declared, may bee in all points obserued, his Maiestie straitly chargeth and commandeth His Knight Marshall, and all Maiors, Sheriffes, Justices of Peace, Constables, Headboroughs, Bayliffes, and other his Maiesties Officers whasoever, to see all things concerning the premisses, carefully performed, and put in due execution, according to the dutties of their severall places, as they and euery of them will answere for any their neglects herein, at their vitermost perils.

Given at the Court at White-Hall, the seuenteenth day of May, in the first yeere of his Maiesties
Reigne of Great Britaine, France and Ireland.

God sauē the King.



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